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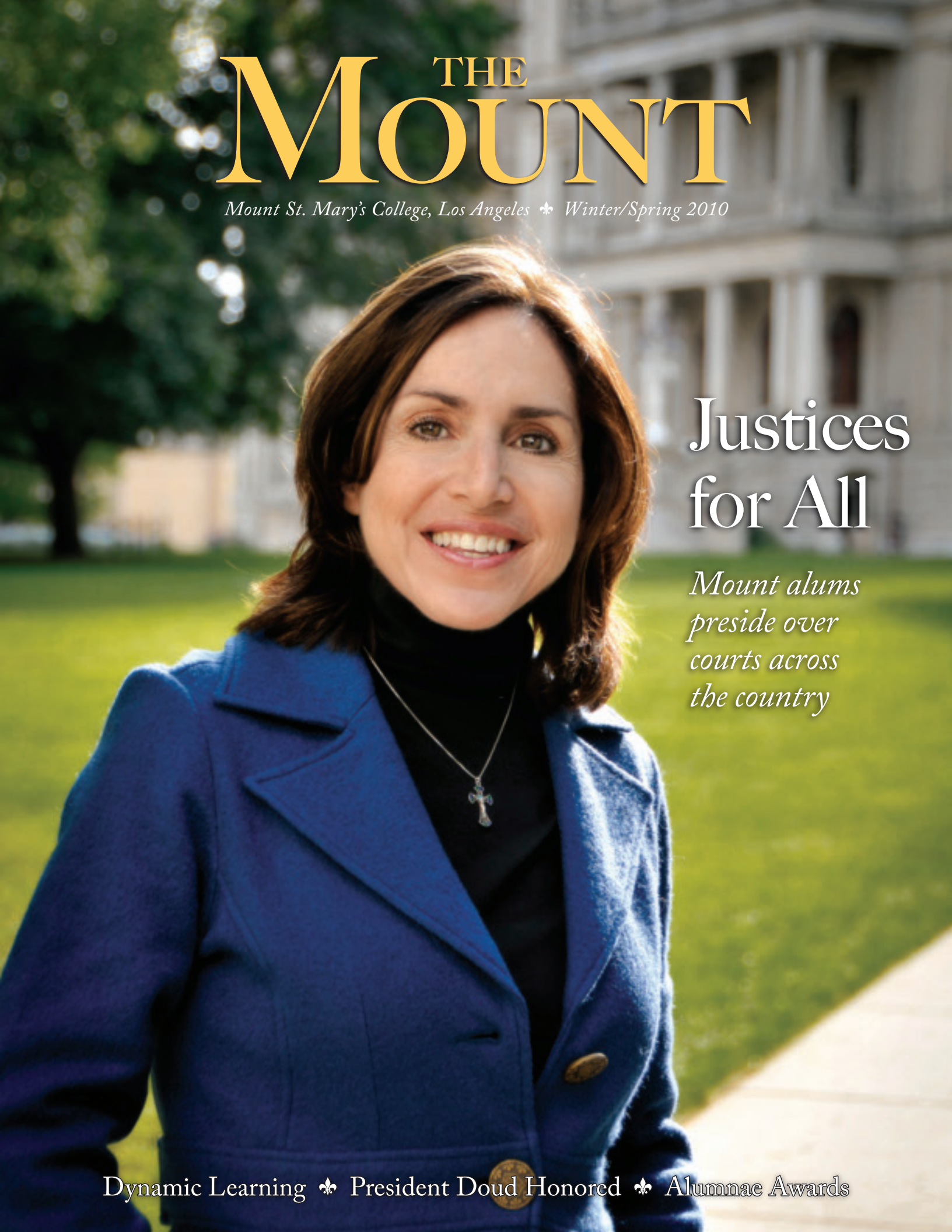

Justices for All

Mount alums preside over courts across the country

Dynamic Learning ⚜ President Doud Honored ⚜ Alumnae Awards

from the president

Dear Reader,

Community is a word we use a lot at the Mount. In the tradition of our founders, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, we believe in serving the "dear neighbor," as well as fostering in our students a spirit to help others.

At the heart of our belief about learning is its grounding in application. Combining coursework with community engagement is replete with benefits for both the learner and those served. Our students have an impact in the community through volunteer projects with more than 65 nonprofit partners, as well as through internships and fieldwork connected with their studies. Some are Student Ambassadors assisting high school students in navigating the path to college.

Iral Brito '12 has volunteered at Project THINK, an afterschool tutorial program for elementary school children who need additional homework help, and at two organizations in Orange County, The Cambodian Family's Plan Ahead Youth Program and Saint Joseph Ballet. Iral sums up her commitment to sharing her talents: "It's only been two years, and there is so much more to accomplish."

Students not only do good work, but also think about what their knowledge demands of them. Combining coursework with community engagement through service learning gives Mount students opportunities to apply what they learn in local settings. For instance, students observe, treat and learn from the ill, aged and lonely in retirement homes, including Carondelet Center.

Through internships and fieldwork, our students gain insight and experience while providing valuable services at prominent sites across Los Angeles, including AIDS Project Los Angeles, Childrens Hospital Los Angeles, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Pasadena Public Health Department, A Place Called Home and the American Red Cross.

This past spring, Mount students, alums, staff, faculty and friends participated in the Fourth Annual Invitation to Serve by spending the day "Serving Our Dear Neighbors" at the Los Angeles Regional Foodbank and other locations around the city.

Students and the entire Mount community are encouraged to look out for more than themselves. Hence, all have a part in strengthening our community by giving back and by becoming a part of the fabric of lives that make Southern California a strong and vital place in which to live. Self-fulfillment is enhanced through serving and learning from others. Each of us is a catalyst for the other by using our knowledge and skills to better our college, our city and our communities.

With warm regards,

Jacqueline Powers Doud
President

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Students lead worship during the Mass of the Holy Spirit in Mary Chapel.

MISSION STATEMENT

Mount St. Mary's College offers a dynamic learning experience in the liberal arts and sciences to a diverse student body. As a Catholic college primarily for women, we are dedicated to providing a superior education enhanced by an emphasis on building leadership skills and fostering a spirit to serve others. Our measure of success is graduates who are committed to using their knowledge and skills to better themselves, their environments and the world.

Mount St. Mary's College is a diverse community committed to providing an environment that is free from discrimination on the basis of any characteristic protected by federal, state or local law, ordinance or regulation.

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Mount St. Mary's College President Honored With Cardinal's Award

President Jacqueline Powers Doud received a 2010 Cardinal's Award at a gala dinner in February. The Archdiocese of Los Angeles and Cardinal Roger Mahony honored five Catholics who have given extraordinarily of their time, talent or treasure in ways that benefit the quality of life throughout Los Angeles.

"It gives me great pleasure to honor the dedication, achievement and exemplary life of President Doud," Mahony said. "She is a gift to the young women who seek their higher education at Mount St. Mary's."

"I am honored that the Cardinal included me in this group of outstanding Catholics who have dedicated themselves to bettering their communities," Doud said. "It is my privilege to lead Mount St. Mary's College as we prepare our students academically, spiritually and socially for their futures."

President Jacqueline Powers Doud (left) accepts the honor from Cardinal Roger Mahony (right).

Before becoming the Mount's first lay president in July 2000, Doud previously served the College as provost and vice president for academic affairs. She has more than 35 years of experience in senior administration, following nine years of teaching experience in French, humanities and education.

In recent years, proceeds from the awards dinner have been used to support Catholic schools.

College Receives Five-Year Federal Grant

Mount St. Mary's College has been awarded a five-year $2.9 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education as a federally-designated Hispanic-Serving Institution to promote graduate studies.

The Promoting Postbaccalaureate Opportunities for Hispanic Americans Program aims to expand graduate studies programs at colleges and universities like the Mount with significant populations of Hispanic students. This is the first round of funding under the new program, which was authorized by the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008.

The College will use the funds to enhance three master's degree programs:

- a master of science in nursing track focused on management, developed jointly by nursing and MBA faculty
- a non-clinical concentration in the master of science in counseling psychology program, designed in partnership with MBA faculty for nonprofit mental health management
- a master's degree in education and teacher credential program, which will integrate technology across the curriculum

The Mount has received four Title V grants in the past decade.

from the faculty

Sylvia Bagley, assistant professor and the Fritz Burns Endowed Chair of Education, presented a paper, "Developing Lifelong Learning Habits in High School Students: The Role of Authentic Assessment," at the American Educational Research Association conference in San Diego in April 2009.

Laurie Wright Garry, assistant professor of religious studies, presented "Teaching God as Liberator Using Pedagogies of Liberation" at the College Theology Society's annual conference at the University of Notre Dame in June 2009.

Benjamin Huang, lecturer in the master's in humanities program, had his article, "Chain Reaction," published in the online magazine Guernica in May 2009. The piece explores the connections among the 2008 Chinese earthquake, Chinese history and his father's death.

Sister Darlene Kawulok, CSJ, associate professor and chair of the religious studies department, presented "Ecofeminism and the Feminization of Poverty" at the College Theology Society's annual conference at the University of Notre Dame in June 2009. That same month, she also presented "Charism, Cosmology and Christian Trinity" at the Hedgerow Initiative at the College of Saint Rose in Albany, N.Y.

from the faculty

Stacey Peterson, assistant professor of biology, co-presented a poster, "The Role of GATC Flanking Sequences in the Methylation Efficiency of Escherichia Coli DNA Adenine Methyltransferase," at Experimental Biology, a scientific meeting in New Orleans in April 2009.

Lia Roberts, assistant professor of political science, presented "Women and Neoliberal Protest" at a May 2009 meeting of the Latin American Political Science Association in Rio de Janeiro.

Wanda Teays, professor and chair of the philosophy department, presented "Torture's Moral Morass" at the International Academy of Law and Mental Health in New York in July 2009.

Marcos McPeek Villatoro, professor of English and the Fletcher Jones Endowed Chair of Writing, is a commentator on KCET's "SoCal Connected." He was part of the team that won the Los Angeles Press Club's Breaking News Award in June 2009 for the "SoCal Connected" episode "After the Burn." For his work on "SoCal Connected," Villatoro also won an Emmy in August 2009, and a Golden Mike Award from the Radio and Television News Association in Southern California in January.

Professor Wins Three-Year NSF Grant to Boost Undergraduate Research

Bruce Yazejian, assistant professor of biological sciences, has won a competitive three-year award from the National Science Foundation to involve undergraduates in original research. Students will study how parts of the inner ear mediate hearing and balance.

Bruce Yazejian (left), assistant professor of biological sciences, and Samantha Galloway '11 (right) dissect zebrafish inner ear cells.

The $327,337 award, which began in July, will be used to purchase specialized equipment and supplies and to fund summer stipends for five to seven student researchers, Yazejian said. The award also allows Yazejian to send students to national conferences, including the Society for Neuroscience meeting in San Diego this year, to present their research findings.

"The best part of this [award] is that I'm able to get students involved in research so they can be excited about science," Yazejian said. "Hearing in a lecture about how science is done can't compare with the fun of doing it."

Yazejian's students are using zebrafish to examine how hearing and balance in vertebrates are reliant on the electrical activity of sensory hair cells in the inner ear. The project aims to discover the role the genome plays in controlling the activity of these cells.

MSMC Offers Seminars as Part of LA Opera Festival

In June, Mount St. Mary's College will host two seminars as part of the LA Opera's Ring Festival, a citywide event centered on the presentation of composer Richard Wagner's four-opera cycle Der Ring des Nibelungen. The epic, drawn from Norse mythology, concerns a magic ring that gives its bearer the power to rule the world.

The first seminar, "L.A. Ring Cycle," is based on the College's graduate-level humanities course, "Two Rings: Lord of the Rings and Ring of the Nibelung — the Films, the Books and the Music." The two-day seminar, taught by lecturer Michael Heim, will be held June 11–12 in The Rose Hills Auditorium on the Doheny Campus.

The Mount will also present "Los Angeles Architecture" June 14–15. This two-day seminar is an on-site study of three architectural treasures, including the Getty Center, the Schindler Kings Road House and the Walt Disney Concert Hall. Building tours are preceded by lectures highlighting the Wagnerian connections. Classes will begin on the Doheny Campus. For more information, visit www.msmc.la.edu/ringseminars.

in brief

New Courses Debut
Each semester, professors design new courses based on their research. The process ensures an innovative education for Mount students. Here are a few of the courses offered in the undergraduate and graduate programs this past fall:

- "Narrative and 9/11"
- "Myths and Realities: Secret Societies"
- "Spiritual Journeys of Women"
- "Writing Noir"
- "Disney Inc. and Mass Popular Culture"
- "The Democratization of Latin America"

Mount Holds International Film Series
This past September, Mount St. Mary's College welcomed the Third Annual Women in Film Short Film Series at the Chalon Campus. The event opened with film, music and poetry readings in support of the evening's theme celebrating Palestinian and Israeli film and culture. The series was sponsored by Career Services, the Mind and Spirit Committee, and the departments of language & culture, political science and religious studies.

Endowed Chair Directs New Program

Sylvia Bagley (right), assistant professor and the Fritz Burns Endowed Chair of Education, has been busy since she was hired in 2008. She is the director of a new Mount offering: the Instructional Leadership program. "Many teachers want to take on leadership roles, but not as administrators," Bagley said. "Our program prepares teachers to mentor others, serve on curriculum committees and facilitate professional development at their school sites." There are currently 28 students in the program. Bagley also co-edited a book on international education issues, "Higher Education, Policy and the Global Competition Phenomenon," published in February by Palgrave Macmillan.

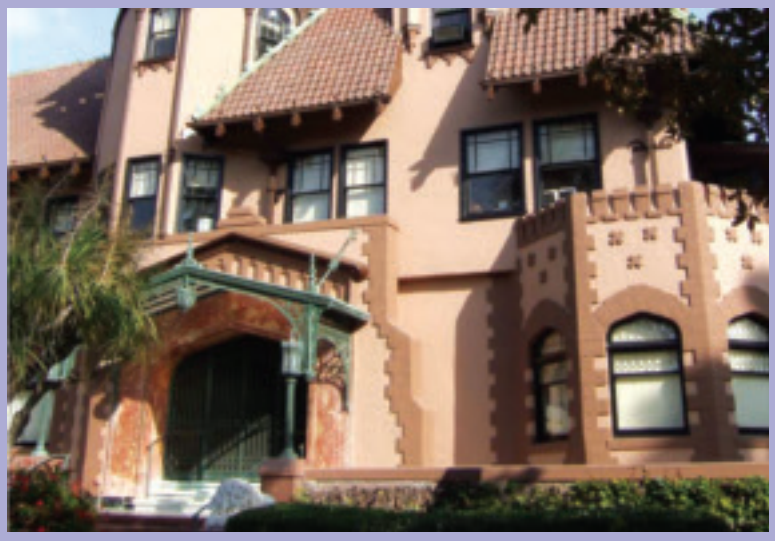
Mount Political Science Major Crowned Miss Indian World
Mount political science major Brooke Grant '12 (above), a member of the Hoopa, Yurok, Karuk and Chippewa tribes, was crowned Miss Indian World at the 26th Annual Gathering of Nations this past May. Grant was honored from among 25 Native American women representing different tribes and traditions. She competed in the areas of tribal knowledge, dancing ability and personality. Grant, 22, will travel worldwide in her new role. As Miss Indian World, she will represent all native and indigenous people as a goodwill ambassador for one year.

Group Creates an Altar To Remember Immigrants
Students and faculty from the Department of Religious Studies participated in the annual Dia de Los Muertos event at Hollywood Forever Cemetery in Hollywood, Calif., this past October. Accompanied by Assistant Professor Laurie Wright Garry, Chair Sister Darlene Kawulok, CSJ, and Assistant Professor Rosamond Rodman, the group created an altar to raise awareness of the deaths of immigrants crossing the border from Mexico.

college news

Charity Ball Funds Bay Clean-Up
Mount undergraduates welcomed more than 400 guests in October to the Chalon Campus for the Fourth Annual Charity Ball, raising $3,400 for Heal the Bay, a local nonprofit dedicated to keeping Southern California coastal waters clean. The following morning, 56 students volunteered to clean up Santa Monica Beach. "We wanted to donate not just our money, but also our time," said Jennifer Ward, Chalon associated student body president. The ball featured dinner, entertainment, raffle tickets, a silent auction and donations from local businesses. The events were coordinated by the Chalon Associated Student Body and co-sponsored by eight student clubs.

MSMC Welcomes Facebook Fans
Join the more than 1,000 alums, friends, faculty, staff and students who have become Facebook "fans" of the Mount. It is a great way to learn about campus activities, reconnect with old friends and make new ones. To find Mount St. Mary's on Facebook, go to www.facebook.com/msmcla. The Alumnae Association also has a group on Facebook. To find it, click on the Facebook search engine and type "Mount St. Mary's College Alumnae Association."



Restoration Project Enhances Doheny Mansion Exterior
This past July, Mount St. Mary's performed the first extensive restoration of the Doheny Mansion in 70 years. The first phase of exterior renovations was reinforcement of the roof and walls of the Gothic Renaissance-style Victorian mansion. Other major restoration included working on the exterior stucco, painting the facade, waterproofing and preserving the roof, and repairing damaged copper finials. The stained glass and dome in the famous Pompeian Room were also cleaned and repaired.

Nursing Department Awarded Accreditation
The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education has awarded a 10-year accreditation to the Mount's nursing department. A preparation team, headed by MSN Program Director Marsha Sato, BSN Program Director Anne Tumbarello and former ABSN Program Director Mary Sloper '62, conducted a rigorous research process in 2009 to apply for accreditation. This past April, commission representatives visited both Mount campuses to meet with faculty and students, review program data and attend nursing classes. They also inspected local medical facilities where students participate in clinical practicums.

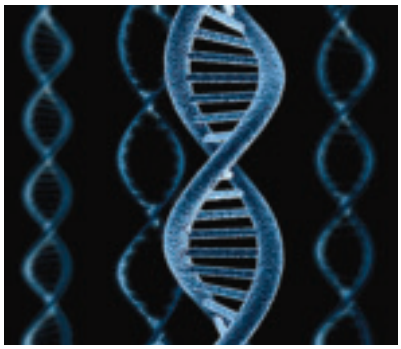
MSMC Hosts Safe Halloween
As part of a 19-year tradition to provide a safe alternative for trick-or-treaters, Mount St. Mary's College opened the Doheny Campus to the community on Oct. 31 for its annual Halloween Haunted Campus. More than 8,000 residents from surrounding neighborhoods attended. MSMC gave away thousands of pounds of candy donated by faculty, staff, students, regents and trustees as well as community members.

Physical Therapy Docs Graduate
This past October, 27 students received their doctor of physical therapy degree from the Mount. The College developed the doctoral program in 2001. Currently, 90 students are enrolled.

Student Leaders Attend Women's Leadership Conference
Mount St. Mary's College held its first Women's Leadership Conference in September for student leaders. More than 100 club and associate student body officers from both the Doheny and Chalon campuses gathered for a day of training that included workshops on inclusive programming and mediating conflict, and a "What Not to Wear" fashion show featuring appropriate attire for interviews and jobs.

Homecoming Honors 80th Anniversary of Alumnae Association
More than 200 alums gathered at the Chalon Campus this past October to celebrate Homecoming 2009 and the 80th anniversary of the Alumnae Association. The day featured workshops on classic Italian cinema, poetry and the music of Tuscany. Mass was celebrated in Mary Chapel. The day culminated with the Gala Homecoming Dinner and announcement of the 2009 Outstanding Alums. Find out who won on Pages 23, 24 and 25.

First MBA Cohort Completes Program
In December 2009, 26 MBA students from the first cohort completed their degree program, which began in fall 2008. The program culminated with student capstone project presentations. For the projects, students worked in teams to develop strategic plans that addressed current challenges facing local businesses. Some of the participating businesses included Shriners Hospital for Children, H20 (a water pollution prevention company) and Home of Special Spirit (a therapeutic horseback riding program).



Biochemistry Student Wins Honors
Biochemistry major Ana Castillo '10 won Best Poster Presentation honors at the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students this past November. Castillo, a Minority Access to Research Careers student, titled her poster "In Vivo Analysis of the Specificity of DNA Adenine Methyltransferase Mutants R116A and N126A."

Director of Institutional Data Management Elected to Board
Shannon Shank, director of institutional data management, was elected president of the Datatel Users' Group this past April. The group includes members from the many colleges that use Datatel software. The Mount has used the Datatel student information system, Colleague, for the past 20 years. During her presidency, Shank will work to improve communication among Datatel users and to support member relations.

FUN FACTS

Faith and Fellowship

Campus Ministry had a busy fall semester serving both the Mount and the local community. Here is a closer look:

1,200
cookies baked

300
meal-bags made for homeless neighbors

28
"core team" student ministers

23
Confirmation candidates

5
monthly faculty and staff "prayer-for-students" groups

1
inclusive faith community

showcase

This past fall, students in Susan McDonnell's illustration course completed a variety of projects, including in-class exercises, collages to tell personal stories and CD covers for their favorite artists. Here are four favorites from the semester. ⚜

Salina Sells '10
Gouache
CD cover/Classical music

Gloria Perea '11
Collage

Samantha Viloria '12
Collage

Kathleen Araiza '10
Gouache and ink
In-class exercise

Gala Raises More Than $136K for Student Ambassador Program

Kathleen H. Aikenhead (left), president of the William H. Hannon Foundation, visits with Michael Enright (center), chair of the College's Board of Trustees, and Mount President Jacqueline Powers Doud (right) at the College's gala this past fall.

Mount St. Mary's College hosted an evening of dinner, dance and special festivities in September to honor Kathleen H. Aikenhead, president of the William H. Hannon Foundation. The gala, A Midsummer Night's Dream, raised $136,000 for the Mount's Student Ambassador program, which aims to steer high school students toward college. More than 300 guests celebrated on the grounds of the historic Doheny Mansion.

Aikenhead is the niece of William H. Hannon, a real estate developer and philanthropist who began the William H. Hannon Foundation. Over the past three decades, the foundation has supported nursing and general academic scholarships at Mount St. Mary's College, as well as the creation of Hannon Parlor, a multipurpose event and meeting facility on the Chalon Campus. Most recently, the foundation gave a major gift to fund the renovation of the newly named William H. Hannon Theater at Chalon.

Page, Meltzer '89 Establish Scholarships

Two new endowed scholarships have been created to provide for Mount student education.

Steve Page wanted to honor the memory of his wife, Judy (Kelly) Page '61, by endowing a scholarship for Chalon students. The couple had previously given expendable scholarship donations, but an endowed scholarship continues in perpetuity, enabling one or more students to benefit annually.

"As a former teacher, Judy was very passionate about supporting the educational pursuits of others," Page says. "My children and I agreed that establishing a scholarship in her name was a great idea."

For Rose (Jacobs) Meltzer '89, beginning her undergraduate education at Mount St. Mary's College at the age of 45 was exactly the right time. Meltzer had recently divorced, and the single mother of three needed a fresh start.

"I wanted the traditional experience, complete with small class sizes," says Meltzer, who studied psychology. "But I couldn't have attended the Mount without scholarships and financial aid." To help students like herself, she has established an endowed scholarship for students pursuing psychology or medicine.

College Awarded Grant for Film Program

Mount St. Mary's College has been awarded a new $250,000 grant from the W.M. Keck Foundation to expand the Film & Social Justice program. This undergraduate major uses filmmaking to promote learning across academic disciplines, engage students in the community and develop leaders who seek positive social change.

"This grant will facilitate collaboration with other academic departments to create teaching and learning experiences for our students and address social justice topics with our high school partners," said Pam Haldeman, film program director.

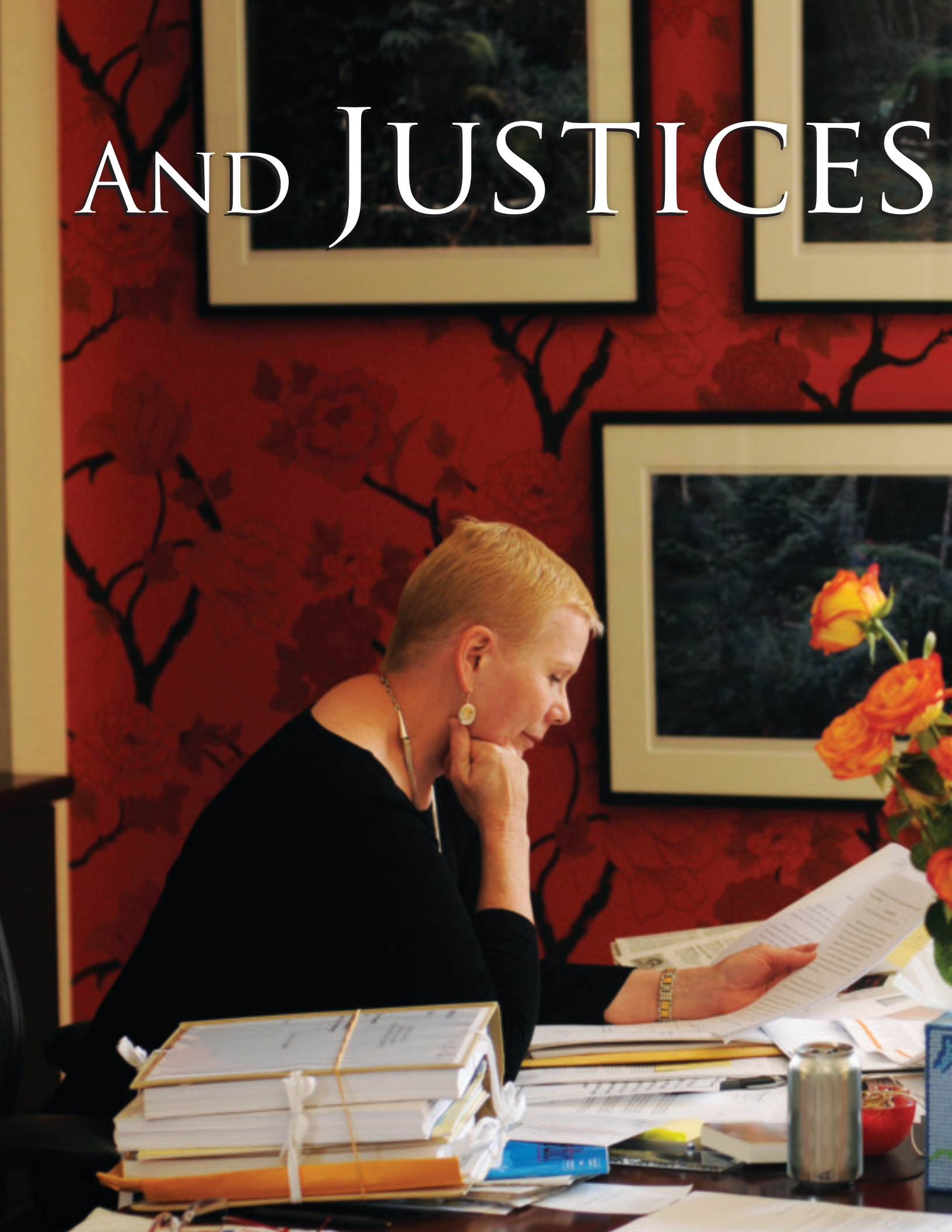
In addition, the funds will expand two part-time faculty positions to full time, reassign time for the program director and help acquire film production equipment.

College Mourns Loss of Benefactor and Friend

The Mount community was saddened by the loss of Robert Harrington, husband of Mary Josephine (Timpani) Harrington '43 and College benefactor. Harrington passed away on June 10, 2009.

The Harringtons decided together to establish a legacy at the Mount. Following Mary Jo's death in 2006, Harrington established an endowed scholarship in her name and made plans to donate his entire estate to the College. The Chalon Campus film studio will be named in honor of Robert and Mary Jo in recognition of their love of film.

And Justices



FOR ALL

Victoria Gerrard Chaney '67

Photo: Carlos Puma

Mount St. Mary's alumnae judges have traveled inspiring paths to the bench, guided by an education based on Catholic values.

By Aaron Smith

As the Supreme Court began a new term in October, much attention was on Justice Sonia Sotomayor, the third woman and first Latina to serve on the bench. Gender and ethnicity had been heated topics during her confirmation hearings months earlier. But for many, the more compelling story was about the girl who grew up in a housing project in the Bronx, where her mother worked two jobs to send her to a private Catholic school before Princeton University and Yale Law School beckoned. President Barack Obama called it an "extraordinary journey."

Three Mount St. Mary's College alumnae judges with extraordinary journeys of their own can relate.

Representing four decades of education at the Mount, Victoria Gerrard Chaney '67, Lisa Gigliotti '84 and Lisa Tapia '91 are among the College's alumnae judges. And each woman, in her own way, has traveled an inspiring, often unexpected path to the bench. The journeys are unique, but the women have much in common as well. Together, they have triumphed over formidable obstacles, guided both professionally and personally by an education based on Catholic values.

Photo: Terri Shaver/Shaver Photography

Lisa Gigliotti '84

While majoring in biology at MSMC, Lisa Gigliotti '84 was incapacitated by severe rheumatoid arthritis, sidelining her plans to help people as a doctor. While she was recovering a few years later, her mother and grandmother died in a car accident, so she moved to Michigan to be near her brother who was attending law school. He encouraged her to join him.

During the time Gigliotti was in law school, the Americans with Disabilities Act passed, and she landed her first job as a disability rights advocate. She understood the importance of the legislation firsthand. Though the job barely paid her school loans, she loved the field. "It was the most fabulous career I could have imagined," she says. She was helping people in need.

Then she was offered a position in the Michigan Senate policy office at the same time right-to-life legislation was being considered. Gigliotti did a lot of public speaking, not just as an attorney who understood the law, but as an individual who experienced chronic pain. She soon became policy coordinator in the governor's office.

All the while, Gigliotti was undergoing major surgeries — she has endured nine in all, including ankle replacements recently. Her policy work was fulfilling, but physically strenuous — 70 hours a week — and emotionally and politically charged. "People would scream, 'How can you take away my right to die?'" Gigliotti remembers.

Despite the challenge, she never wavered. "Mount St. Mary's prepared me with a strong moral compass," Gigliotti says. "It had to be really strong because it was unbelievably tested. Having a well-rounded Catholic education that grounded me in moral philosophy was perfect preparation. Because my compass was set straight, it was much easier when life and death issues were coming at me."

Today, Gigliotti is an administrative law judge for the Michigan Department of Community Health — a position with less controversy and regular work hours, which enabled her to write a book about honoring the end of life called "Coraggio."

"I never wanted to be a judge," Gigliotti says. "I had this impression that I needed to be aggressive to be successful in a male-dominated field. The Mount taught me the difference between aggressive and assertive. I could be successful by recognizing my strengths and how I could foster them, and by identifying my weaknesses."

Membership in the Diocese of Lansing Catholic Lawyers Guild, where she served as vice president, has also provided much-needed fellowship with like-minded colleagues. "A judge is supposed to be impartial, but we all carry biases. I gather evidence in a technical matter, but I was raised with a social justice background. My challenge is that Michigan's budget is being hit like never before, and I deal with Medicaid health benefits for the poor and unemployed. If they aren't eligible, I can't give [benefits] to them because I don't have jurisdiction, and that's hard.

"In the legal world, you need to be careful. You are supposed to have an aura of impartiality, but I have expressed views and written articles, so everybody knows where I stand. I step back and say a lot of prayers."

The Mount's highest-ranking alumna judge, Victoria Gerrard Chaney '67, was appointed this past summer by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to the California Court of Appeal, Second District, Division One. In recommending her for the position, Los Angeles Superior Court Presiding Judge Charles McCoy described Chaney as "a great judge" who had fulfilled "every role you can imagine" on the trial court, including a pioneering role in complex litigation court. Several attorneys also voiced unequivocal support, with one stating, "No judge is better prepared … on any matter that comes before her."

Considering the praise it's difficult to imagine that as a young Catholic woman in the '60s, Chaney didn't think the legal profession was an option for her. After earning a nursing degree at MSMC and a postgraduate biology degree at USC, she worked as a registered nurse at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and LAC+USC Medical Center. Promoted to a supervisory role, Chaney became unhappy with the reduced interaction with patients. Even worse, "a couple of doctors told me to remember my place," she recalls.

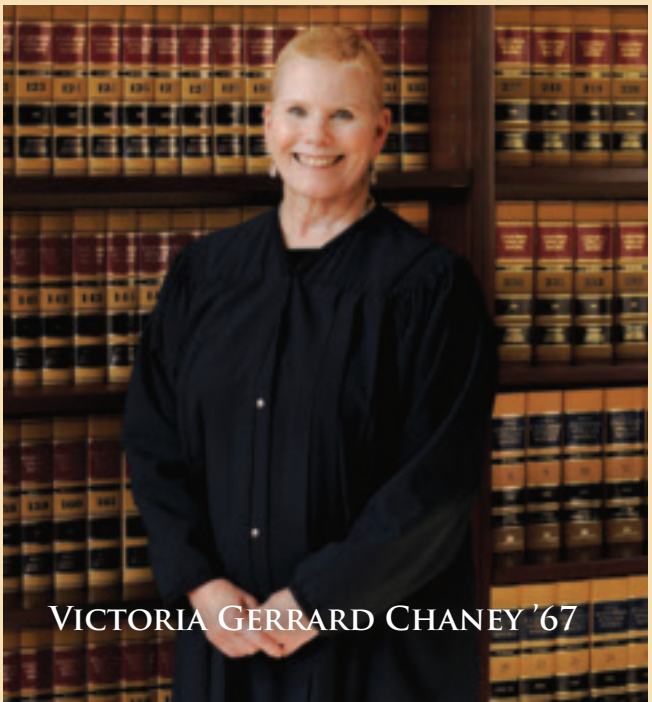
At a friend's suggestion, Chaney decided to try law school, graduating from Loyola in 1977. And though she encountered significant resistance because of her gender, she thrived in her new career, winning one of 13 spots in the Los Angeles City Attorney's office out of 900 applicants. Then another friend suggested she would make a good judge.

"I like doing the right thing. I believe in justice," Chaney says. "As an attorney, you are not always on the side of justice. You are on the side of your client."

In retrospect, Chaney credits MSMC for developing skills that have served her well on the bench and in life. "I didn't fully appreciate my education at the time, but it turned out to have a significant impact in my life. It taught me how to think philosophically and critically. I see so many young people who can argue both sides of a problem, but cannot come to a decision. MSMC helped me learn how to make a decision and evaluate it over time."

Equally important, the Mount nurtured in Chaney a desire to help people. "It gave me a sense of values and stability at a time when society was very much adrift. We were involved in the Vietnam War and women's roles were changing. MSMC gave me a way to understand these events. Through the nursing program, we went to Watts shortly after the riots and worked with impoverished individuals. It gave me a world view that I would not have had."

As a judge, Chaney says she still applies those lessons and values to the cases she oversees. "As an MSMC graduate, I was taught I have an obligation to help others. As a judge, I took an oath to follow the constitutions of the United States and the State of California. And the two go hand in hand — they're totally in agreement. I don't ever recall a conflict between what I was taught at MSMC and what I do."



Victoria Gerrard Chaney '67

Photo: Carlos Puma

More Alums on the Bench

Other alums currently serving in courts around the country are:

Sister Annette Debs, CSJ, '61 — Administrative law judge, California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board, Orange County, Calif.

Jane (Luecke) Johnson '64 (current Mount St. Mary's trustee) — Judge, Los Angeles Superior Court

Teresa Estrada-Mullaney '68 — Judge, San Luis Obispo Superior Court, San Luis Obispo, Calif.

Barbara S. Jones '68 — Judge, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, New York, N.Y.

Susan (Marvosh) Speer '75 — Judge, Los Angeles Superior Court

Lisa Tapia '91 (left) met one of her role models, current Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor (right), at the Hispanic National Bar Association Convention in Chicago in October 2000.

Photo: Robert Pope

Lisa Tapia '91

Lisa Tapia '91 didn't set out to be a judge. She majored in public administration and planned to work for a nonprofit organization. But her first job after college included training as an immigration paralegal, and the law bug bit her. She became certified as a litigation paralegal and worked at a Los Angeles law firm for five years. "I loved it. I saw top trial attorneys day in and day out, and thought, 'I could do that!'"

Attending St. Louis University School of Law, Tapia met the first of several mentors who helped and inspired her, associate judge Jesse Reyes, whom she still lunches with occasionally "to pick his brain." After law school, she worked as a judicial law clerk for another mentor, family law judge Charles Middlesworth Jr., whose kindness and

empathy for people made a lasting impression.

When she moved to Illinois and applied for prosecutor jobs near Chicago, Tapia was consistently rejected. After deciding to apply in smaller towns, she was hired in the Livingston County, Ill., state attorney's office as one of four prosecutors and the only female. Her first trial came only three weeks later.

"I was thrown in; there was no training," Tapia remembers. "I worked in front of an associate judge, Robert Travers, who would be honest with me and talk to me in chambers. All the advice he gave me was on target. I also worked with an assistant prosecutor, Carey Luckman, who would talk to me on the way to the courtroom. I would walk away and think, God puts angels in your path. I don't think anybody gets where they are going alone. I feel fortunate to have had so many great mentors."

Tapia's most influential mentor was her mom, who died in 2006, about the same time she decided to be a judge — and only two years after she had become an attorney. "My mother's faith in me never wavered. I believe that insecurity and fear of the unknown are taught. My mother and MSMC taught me confidence."

Tapia says a Mount leadership program headed by the late Cheryl Mabey '69 reinforced the confidence her mom, born in Nicaragua, instilled in her. "[Dr. Mabey] taught us to be independent thinkers and encouraged volunteer work, which I still do today. It has made me who I am. I'm certainly not a follower, and it stems from that program."

Today, Mount St. Mary's youngest alumna judge holds an administrative law post at the Illinois Commerce Commission, resolving disputes between citizens and businesses that the ICC regulates. "As a former prosecutor, I argued motions and questioned witnesses. Now I listen to arguments and rule on the motions, resolving these issues. I have a perspective on the other side. The challenge is the complexity of the issues. It's also a very political position, so usually you have years of experience or political connections. I didn't have either, but they believed in me. I feel very fortunate."

Looking forward, Tapia would like to serve as a federal prosecutor and then retire as a federal judge. But that's some years — and probably a few more angels — down the road. ⚜

Mount's Pre-law Program Prepares Students for Legal Profession

The Mount's pre-law minor helps prepare students for the legal profession. It requires courses in legal reasoning and constitutional law and offers electives ranging from international law to criminology. In addition to the coursework, students gain valuable pre-law experience through competition teams.

In 2004, Helen Boutrous, newly hired as an assistant professor of political science, started a mock trial team. In its first competition, Mount St. Mary's garnered the best new school award. Since then, Mount students have continued to win honors while competing with more than 200 students from colleges and universities throughout California, Arizona and Utah.

"Mock Trial is the heart and soul of the pre-law program," says Boutrous, currently chair of the history and political science departments. "The competition simulates a trial, with witnesses, attorneys, and opening and closing statements, scored by judges."

In December 2008, Boutrous began a moot court team, a competition that simulates cases tried at the appellate level. "The students must argue both sides of the case," she says. "These experiences are great ways for students to hone their analytical skills and prepare for the rigors of law school."

At the American Collegiate Moot Court Association Western Regional Tournament in December, two Mount pre-law students, Ezra Azzopardi '10 and Yevgeniya "Jane" Kutepova '11, scored high marks and earned the right to join a select group from across the United States at the association's national tournament in Miami in January. The national tournament included students from just 32 schools.

Since 2004, Mount St. Mary's pre-law students have been accepted into the following law schools: Columbia University; George Washington University; Loyola Law School; Pace University; Pepperdine University; Southwestern University; Thomas Jefferson University; University of California, Davis; University of La Verne; University of Notre Dame; and University of San Diego.

DYNAMIC LEARNING

The only constant on college campuses is change. At the Mount, new classrooms, new students, new kinds of courses and new ways of teaching are the perfect ingredients for dynamic learning. Here, in pictures, is today's academic environment, where students gain important skills through hands-on learning.

Captions by Sarah Scopio
Photography by Carlos Puma

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PHYSICAL THERAPY

Students in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program learn to evaluate, diagnose and manage movement dysfunctions to restore, maintain and promote health and wellness. Top photo: Lecturer Chris Izu (left) shows Amy David '10 DPT (center) and Christopher Lanski '10 DPT (right) how to diagnose nerve involvement with an upper-limb tension test. Bottom photo: Michael Lockwood '10 DPT (left) and Alan Eldridge '10 DPT (right) review exercises for trunk stabilization and lower extremity strengthening in preparation for clinical practice treating musculoskeletal and neuromuscular impairments.

ECOLOGY

In Adjunct Instructor Lut Hang Li's ecology class, students learn to measure species biodiversity on the Chalon Campus lawn. Top right photo: Li (left) demonstrates to Vashti Zeron '10 (right) how to count individual blades of grass. Bottom photo: Students Michelle Lara '10 (left), Mayra Herrera-Morales '11 (center) and Sanam Yaghtin '10 (right) collect data at 25 cm intervals along a 3-meter measuring tape, recording how many plant varieties touch each marker (a ballpoint pen).

The activity is preparation for an off-campus field trip to examine the ecology of Angeles National Forest.

NURSING

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Judith Ontiveros, assistant professor of nursing and skills lab coordinator, leads an exercise for nursing students. Here's the scenario: After being hit by a car, SimMan, a patient simulator, arrives at the emergency room complaining of shortness of breath. His blood pressure is 89/50. The nursing students fly into action, starting an IV, checking his heart and lungs, and hooking him up to an EKG machine. Top right photo: Niaz Farzadfar '12 checks for vital signs. Bottom left photo: As Ontiveros (left) controls the patient's vitals from a computer monitor, the patient crashes, and students Nicole Que '10 (left), Randell Tolentino '10 (center) and Jeff Pablo '10 (right) respond. The addition of SimMan to the Mount's nursing labs helps the College fulfill the fourth goal of its Strategic Plan: to embrace technological advances that strengthen academic programs.

Photo: David Blumenkrantz via http://scrubsmag.com/

FILM & SOCIAL JUSTICE

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In the new Chalon Campus film studio (top left photo), students learn production techniques in a digital video production course. Top right photo: Charles Bunce (right), an instructor in the Film & Social Justice program, shows Rebecca Jauregui '11 (left) how to hold a microphone. Bottom left photo: Bunce (top) explains to Nancy Primo '10 (left) and Jauregui (bottom) how to check an image in the high-definition monitors. Middle right photo: Primo adjusts the camera. The studio, created in fall 2008, features soundproof walls and state-of-the-art equipment.

MUSIC

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In this elementary piano course led by Hak Soon (Hahn) Swiatkowski '75, students learn the fundamentals of music, including note reading, basic chords and major finger scales. During class, students practice individually with headphones, and then Swiatkowski listens to each and assesses their progress. Top left photo: Tasia Roundtree '10 focuses on her note reading. Bottom left photo: Cinthia Noj '10 (left) successfully completes her piece as Swiatkowski (right) looks on. The budding musicians show off their hard work at a final recital, held in the William H. Hannon Theater on the Chalon Campus.

welcome

This is a banner year for the Mount as we celebrate the 85th anniversary of its founding. To commemorate this milestone, we will showcase our rich and wonderful heritage at Mount Alum Day on Saturday, Oct. 9. We also want current students to deepen their love for the Mount and all that it represents. If you would like to join this trek through tradition, contact Alumnae Relations at 213.477.2767.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Mount Alum Day — Saturday, Oct. 9, 2010.

From left, Susana Avalos '04, Sonia Salgado '04, Sister Kieran Vaughan, CSJ, '64 and Miriam Salgado '04 reminisce at Homecoming 2009.

class notes

'46

Mary (Needles) Block spent two weeks painting in the hill towns of Umbria, Italy.

'47

Patty (Borchard) Watson and her husband celebrated their 61st anniversary in July 2009. They now have 14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

'51

Geraldine (Biggs) McGrath was given a six-day cruise with her choir to Victoria, British Columbia, to celebrate her 80th birthday and her 55th year as choir director.

'54

Kathleen (Higgins) Barela finally retired from her work as a case manager at an adult day program. She is planning to spend more time with her seven children, 24 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

'56

Barbara (Book) Baxter is excited that her new grandson's adoption will become final in early 2010.

'58

Evangeline (Cde Baca) Madrid and her husband were honored at a party given by their children in Albuquerque to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. **Beverly (Brace) Akiona** came from Hawaii, and **Gloria (Strangman) Doran '59**, **Sharon Leahy '60** and **Charlene (Rule) Wilkinson** came from California for the festivities.

'59

Marilyn (Ball) Carvin toured Salt Lake City, Zion National Park, the north rim of the Grand Canyon and Bryce Canyon in spring 2009. This past fall, she hiked in Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado.

Gloria (Travaglini) Chess took a trip to Mexico with her daughter, **Lisa (Wells) DeHaas '82**, and her daughter's family. She also traveled to China with her husband and attended the Golden Grad Celebration with her classmates from 1959.

Patricia (Mears) Fine welcomed her second great-grandchild.

Elsita (Pineda-Adames) Smith received the Los Angeles Archdiocese's Partnership in Service Award for her outstanding community and parish volunteer work with the Santa Barbara Region Catholic Charities.

Ann (Riordan) Westphal enjoyed attending the Golden Grad Celebration in May 2009.

'60

Patricia (Reap) Dern is looking forward to the birth of her third great-grandchild.

Barbara (Sadler) Rolfe and her son took advantage of a special airline deal and spent a month jetting around the United States and Costa Rica.

'61

Linda (Cox) Stellern and friends from the Class of 1961 met three times in 2009 in three different Southern California cities for lunch and to celebrate their 70th birthdays.

'63

Bernice (Fijak) Lynch-Bajada and her husband visited Australia. There they attended their daughter's wedding in Melbourne, toured Melbourne and Sydney, and dove the Great Barrier Reef.

Alums and friends join President Jacqueline Powers Doud (seated) in Tuscany, Italy.

Alum Trip to France Planned for Fall 2010

This past October, a group of alums, spouses and friends traveled to Tuscany, Italy, on the first international alumnae trip offered by the Mount's alumnae relations department.

"The trip was a real bonding opportunity for Mount alums," says Jeanne (Redell) Ruiz '63, director of alumnae relations. "It was a chance for them to create wonderful memories with people from their alma mater."

This fall, the second alum trip abroad will be to the Provence region in the south of France. The 10-day excursion is Oct. 12–20 and will cost approximately $4,279 a person. Reservations made by May 2 qualify for a $250 discount.

For more information or to reserve your spot, contact Ruiz at 213.477.2769 or jruiz@msmc.la.edu. Reservations are limited and are on a first-come, first-served basis.

'64

Susan (Kolp) Curtis and her husband received the Human Rights Award from the Idaho Inclusiveness Coalition. They are the first couple to be so honored.

Jacqueline (Suess) Dienemann is now on phased retirement from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. She continues to work with two hospitals to develop their nursing research capacity.

'66

Linda Ercole-Musso and her husband, Ed Sulzberger, have established a charity, African Childrens Haven, to support child welfare projects in Africa.

'67

Victoria Gerrard Chaney was appointed in July 2009 by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to the Court of Appeal, Second District, Division One. She previously served as a judge for the Los Angeles Superior Court and for the Los Angeles Municipal Court.

Melody (King) Chasen recently sold her software company, which focuses on fraud detection in health care, to Thomson Reuters.

Dee (Sayles) O'Brien is grateful for her Mount education. It prepared her to earn a master's in library science at Rutgers University and then work as a medical librarian in both Texas and California.

'68

Marie (Van Blaricom) Maitrepierre sings in a chorale and helps her husband with international consulting. She lives in France and teaches English classes at local libraries. She met up with **Kathy Macek** in San Francisco and has kept in touch with **Sheila Dale**, **Vickie (Russell) Kennedy** and **Patricia (Hohman) Sorenson '67**.

'69

Eileen (O'Connor) Casanova retired in June 2009 after 40 years with the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Harriet Fields was a guest speaker at the 2008 Pordenone Silent Film Festival in Italy, the largest silent film festival in the world. The festival screened all the silent films of her paternal grandfather, W.C. Fields. Harriet's inherited artifacts and memorabilia from her grandfather are at the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences' Margaret Herrick Library in Los Angeles.

Kathleen (Kent) Garvey, chief financial officer of Crestwood Communities Inc., an Inland Empire-based home building firm she co-founded in 1978, was a guest speaker at the MSMC business administration department's *The Vantage Point* series this past fall.

'70

Marcia (Broaddus) Niessen Greiten volunteers for La Purisima Catholic Church in Lompoc, Calif.

'72

Christina J. Imre is a co-author of The Rutter Group's three-volume "California Practice Guide: Insurance Litigation." The guide is the recognized authority on California insurance law. She is a partner with Sedgwick, Detert, Moran & Arnold LLP and is co-chair of Sedgwick's National Appellate Group. She is also a fellow of the California Academy of Appellate Lawyers, has been voted by her peers as a "Southern California Super Lawyer" and was named one

2009 Outstanding Alumna Award
for Service to the College
Sister Joseph Adele Edwards, CSJ, '58

Since beginning her work at the Mount in 1963, Sister Joseph Adele Edwards, CSJ, '58 has touched nearly every aspect of college life: admissions, financial aid, planned giving and even the classroom as an associate professor of English teaching creative writing and composition.

The Alumnae Association honored Edwards this past October with its Outstanding Alumna Award for Service to the College for her nearly five decades of compassionate commitment to Mount students.

As baccalaureate dean since 2004, Edwards primarily deals with students facing academic difficulty. Every challenge has its rewards, she says. "I just kind of fell into the Mount and have never wanted to leave," Edwards says. "The Mount is very student-oriented, and we really want the students to succeed and move on. I am very honored by this award that expresses gratitude for what I have done for the College, but mainly for how I have helped the students." Edwards plans to retire this June. Edwards plans to retire this June and volunteer in the Chalon Learning Assistance Center.

of the "50 Most Powerful Women in Los Angeles Law" by the Los Angeles Business Journal.

Deborah Lasseter is undergoing physical therapy for a continuing disability.

'74

Kathryn (Knemeyer) Gasperini lives in Richmond, Va., with her husband. Their three grandsons also live in Richmond. Their son, Cris, resigned from teaching high school and is now an Army second lieutenant headed for Afghanistan.

Mary Ann (Medon) Lucia is enjoying her tenure as state section chair for the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses in Virginia.

Barbarann Smith and her sister **Johnetta Smith** are chairpersons for Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in the Home for their church. Both are substitute teachers for grades K–5 in Ocala, Fla.

'75

Carol Neel retired from nursing and now focuses on art, primarily watercolors. She belongs to a gallery in Reno, Nev., where she lives.

'77

Patricia (Muller) Sanders works part time as a staff nurse at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Scottish Rite.

'81

Robert Feller retired from teaching and started his own pet-sitting business, Best Paw Forward. He lives in Carmel Valley, Calif.

'85

Carla (Ruiz) Kazimir recently opened her own physical therapy practice, North Valley Physical Therapy, in Granada Hills, Calif. After years of working in the hospital, home health and retirement settings, she is looking forward to private practice.

'87

Claire (Matranga) Noland was promoted to obituary editor at the Los Angeles Times.

'89

Joanne Bartolotti is currently teaching at her grammar school, St. Robert School, in San Bruno, Calif. She teaches mathematics to fifth through seventh graders and computers to first through eighth graders. She also serves the parish as director of religious education, coordinating with the office manager to arrange the religious education program for first through eighth graders and the confirmation program for ninth and tenth graders.

Maurice Hamington authored a fifth book, "The Social Philosophy of Jane Addams," which was published by the University of Illinois Press in 2009. As director of the Institute for Women's Studies and Services at Metropolitan State College in Denver, he is one of a few men nationwide to head a women's studies program.

Faith (Yamamoto) Ichida retired after 32 years as a school nurse with the Los Angeles Unified School District. She is now doing school-nurse consulting for charter schools.

Lynette Scherer, M.D., a trauma surgeon, was named chief of the UC Davis Trauma Program at UC Davis Medical Center in June 2009.

'92

Miwa Nishiji did the storyboards for two 2009 movies, "The Fourth Kind" and "The Haunting in Connecticut." She does storyboards for horror films, but is not a fan of the genre and usually doesn't watch them.

2009 Outstanding Alumna Award
for Service to the Community
Janet (Crawford) Peck '84

Whether Janet (Crawford) Peck '84 is helping the less fortunate in her hometown of Chico, Calif., or trekking 34 hours to a remote village in western Africa, her volunteer work exemplifies the reason she received the Outstanding Alumna Award for Service to the Community in October.

Peck, a physical therapist, also volunteers with her local Rotary Club and her church. In 2008, Peck made the first of three trips to a struggling village outside the city of Freetown in Sierra Leone. Since then, she has helped open a Christian-based school, a medical clinic and a church in the village of about 3,500 people. She has also sponsored midwives there in hopes of boosting survival rates among women and newborns.

"We tend to limit ourselves in what we think we can do," Peck says. "Yet really the possibilities are endless as to where you can provide service. I have always gained much more than I have given from my experiences helping others."

'93

Jean Milew is happily married with three young children and lives in Chicago.

'94

John Thomas is a retired Los Angeles Police Department lieutenant and is currently the assistant chief for the USC Department of Public Safety. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the West Point Leadership program.

'96

Alejandre Ceja recently accepted the position as chief of staff for Under Secretary of Education Martha Kanter in the U.S. Department of Education.

'00

Brendalee Hall-Thayer is looking forward to completing her master's degree in nursing education at California State University, Los Angeles this spring.

Joyce Ishizue and her husband took their three children to Japan. Together, they learned important family history by seeing where their ancestors lived and what they did.

Viviana Kim works for Digital Domain, which won the 2008 Best Visual Effects Academy Award for "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button." She worked on the film for about a year.

'01

Joyce Liu graduated in 2009 from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a juris doctor degree. She worked at the Huntington Library as an assistant to the curator for a number of years before becoming a lawyer.

Heather McGunigle, Esq., a graduate of the Weekend College, won a statewide California Bar award, the Jack Berman Award of Achievement for Distinguished Service to the Profession and the Public. The chief justice of the California Supreme Court presented the award. She is also the Inland Empire program director for the Disability Rights Legal Center at the University of La Verne College of Law.

Cambria Smith was appointed by Cardinal Roger Mahony as parish life director at Holy Family Church in Pasadena, Calif.

'03

Mariliese Horsewood began working for Southern California Gas Co. in July 2007. She was recently promoted to senior auditor in the internal audit department.

'04

Sister Andrea Mazon, CSJ, professed her first vows in the congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in August 2008. She is also a graduate student in religious studies and teaches at St. Joseph High School in Lakewood, Calif.

'07

Jane Pressman was honored with a DAISY Award from UCLA Health System for her compassion and positive impact on patients' lives.

Remembering the Mount

Thinking of including the Mount in your estate plan? Please let us know. There are many ways to do this. We can help you decide which is best for you. Contact Sharon Keely, director of planned giving, at 213.477.2740 or skeely@msmc.la.edu.

Terry Olmos '03 (left) and Maribeth Gomez '03 (right) at Homecoming 2009.

2009 Rising Star Award for Service to the Community
Terry Olmos '03 and Maribeth Gomez '03

Weekend College graduates Terry Olmos '03 (left) and Maribeth Gomez '03 (right) have spent the past two years immersed in a very personal project to mentor high school girls at their downtown Los Angeles alma mater. The women's efforts have garnered media attention and, in October, the Mount's Rising Star Award for Service to the Community.

"I see myself in the girls we mentor because when I was younger I didn't see the future value of an education," says Olmos, who began the project with Gomez as part of their master of arts in humanities coursework at the Mount. The two have built their thesis around the progress of the 20 girls they have worked with at Edward R. Roybal Learning Center.

The pair meets with a small group of students for nine Saturdays, answering questions about college applications and discussing the importance of grade point averages. The teens attend for no extra credit, but Gomez and Olmos make the experience enticing with small cash scholarships and raffle prizes. "We encourage the girls by telling them that half the battle of getting into college is showing up," Gomez says. "I want them to have the same sense of belonging and camaraderie that I feel at the Mount."

two by two

The Alumnae Association extends best wishes to the following alums and their spouses:

'90 Mary Dorgan to Judith Cannavo
'97 Ruth (Dirkes) Dailey to Hugh Spilsbury
'00 Adrianna Salazar to Peter Frank Rios III
'04 Gina Zambetti to John Flores

by-lines

The Alumnae Association extends congratulations to the following alums and their spouses on the birth of their children:

'01 Reagan to Erin (Culley) Lamers
'03 Noah Villalba to Jennifer McCreight, first child

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Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of the following alums:

'37 Margaret (Ryan) Bauer
'43 Grace (Stark) Holcomb
'44 Mary Jane (Ameche) Rankin
'45 Arabella (Barnes) Williams
'46 Marcella (Malarkey) Holland
'46 grandson of Virginia (Brown) Marovich
'46 husband of Jeanelle (McDonald) Stehly
'46 Catherine (Johannes) Sterk
'46 Elizabeth (Fluor) Taylor
'47 Sister Leo Francis O'Callaghan, CSJ
'50 Louise (Powers) Turner
'51 husband of Joan (Russell) Doonan
'52 Rose Margaret Braiden
'53 brother of Sister Mary Evelyn Flynn, CSJ, and Sister Daniel Therese Flynn, CSJ, '60
'53 Lillian Pereyra
'54 husband of Patricia (Quinn) Holt
'56 Johanna (Lum) Bissen
'57 son of Myra (Pestana) Silversparre
'60 mother of Linda (Ruby) Bolstad
'60 Sister Carol Anne O'Marie, CSJ
'63 mother of Bernice (Fijak) Lynch-Bajada and Virginia (Fijak) Fry '69
'64 mother of Penny Hooper
'64 T. Jeanette (Kroger) Steiner
'65 Kathleen (Splain) Lathrop
'65 mother of Vivien Lo Pizzo
'66 Elsie Card
'67 Judy Jamieson
'67 father of Sandra McNicholl
'68 father of Marie (Van Blaricom) Maitrepierre
'69 Elizabeth (Northridge) Watson
'70 husband of Bernadette (Terril) Aliprantis
'70 husband of Marcia (Broaddus) Niessen Greiten
'72 husband of Sharon (McBride) Valente
'73 Martha (Measures) Dana
'73 Valentina (Palacios) Knox
'74 Lucianne Magner
'78 Susan (Stark) Meyer
'79 husband of Roseanne (Sigler) Curtis
'81 husband of Lisa (Ferigo) Gaston
'81 father of Michelle (Rice) Trotter

New Alum Insurance Program Offered

The Alumnae Association is proud to introduce a comprehensive insurance program open to all alums. It offers coverage for auto, home, major medical and long-term care. After researching the possibilities, the association has found great coverage at an affordable price. By now, you should have received information on this new benefit. If you have questions or wish to enroll, contact Jeanne (Redell) Ruiz '63, director of alumnae relations, at 213.477.2769 or jruiz@msmc.la.edu.

Alum Hosts Sought for Regional Visits

This past August, President Jacqueline Powers Doud and Paul Craft '03, '09 MS, vice president for institutional advancement, attended the 17th Annual San Fernando Valley Potluck at the home of Marissa Cutaran-Vickers '93 in Toluca Lake, Calif. If you are interested in hosting an event for alums in your area, contact Jeanne (Redell) Ruiz '63, director of alumnae relations, at 213.477.2769 or jruiz@msmc.la.edu.

'84 cousin of Tami Simpson
'86 Edwiges "Eddi" (Gediman) Hamblet
'89 Manuel Rolon
'94 father of Karen (Villanueva) Corletto
'98 father of Dawn (CeDillos) Harlow
'98 Avelino L. Rocha
'99 father of Carol (Saiz) Hoffman
'00 Araceli Manzo
'01 Nancy McCook
'08 Magdalena Aguilar
'09 Shannon Hayes

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of the following former faculty and staff members of the College:
Ruth Hoffman, former professor of sociology from 1964 to 1989
Sister Genevieve Marie Gaughan, CSJ, former nursing faculty member from 1955 to 1969
Sister Patricia Zins, CSJ, former College registrar and director of residence

They will be remembered in the Masses, prayers and good works of the Sisters of St. Joseph and the Mount community.

advanced degrees

The Alumnae Association congratulates the following alums for their intellectual achievement:

'90 Deborah Dilloway, MS in science education, Montana State University, July 2008
'90 Jean Louise Rains, MS in geology, California State University, Northridge, 2009
'96 Ron Carpio, MS in nursing and M.S. in health care administration, University of Phoenix, 2009
'97 David Burkitt, PhD in leadership and organizational development, Regis University, August 2009
'01 Joyce Liu, JD, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2009
'07 Catherine Narido, MA in bioethics, Loyola Marymount University, 2009

NOTE: We are proud of all of our alums and are happy to showcase your academic achievements. Please let us know when you receive an advanced degree and include the date and the name of the institution granting the degree. In order to keep this feature current, please do not go back any further than four years or send information that has already appeared in Class Notes.

Stay on the Cutting Edge
Log in to Mount AlumLine to:
- find out the latest alum activities
- RSVP to alum events
- update your personal information
- chat online
- make a gift to MSMC

To log in, go to www.msmcalums.la.edu; you will need your Alum ID#. You can find it directly above your name on the address panel of this magazine.

E-mail Update
Please make sure we have your current e-mail address, so we can stay in touch.

Alumnae Legacy Grant
Alum offspring are entitled to a $1,000 grant, renewable every year upon enrolling at MSMC. To apply, contact Alumnae Relations.

Alum Privilege Card
You need this card to use the Mount fitness centers or libraries. Log in to AlumLine (Web address above) and click on Alum Privilege Card on the left navigation bar.

Enrichment Courses
You are entitled to audit one course a semester for personal enrichment at no charge. No credit will be given. Contact Alumnae Relations to get the audit waiver form.

Career Planning
Alums can get free career-planning advice by visiting the Career Center during regular hours either as a walk-in client or by appointment with a counselor. To search the center's online job listing, go to www.mountcareernetwork.com. You will need to complete an initial registration process.

Questions?
Please call Alumnae Relations at 213.477.2767.

Regaining a Beloved Profession

By Dulce Martinez
as told to Sarah Scopio

When my husband and I left Cuba in 1962 because of Fidel Castro's communist regime, we were mid-career professionals. I had been a math teacher for 17 years, and my husband was a journalist and the principal of a night school. That June, I was called into the school office and placed on leave because I refused to teach Castro's politics to my students. I found out that we were also being watched — the police and even our neighbors were gathering evidence. When we departed, we had to leave all of our possessions behind, to make it seem as if we would be returning from our "vacation" to the United States.

Our two daughters, ages 15 and 16, were already in the United States. Through Operation Peter Pan, an American program that transported children out of Cuba, they were placed in a Catholic boarding school in San Antonio. By the time they joined us in Los Angeles, we had been separated 13 months. To support our new life, my husband and I both found factory jobs, and later I worked at a preschool. But I longed to return to teaching.

At that time, the United States was home to thousands of Cuban professionals — teachers, lawyers and accountants — who wanted to re-establish their careers, but lacked a path to do so. Then in 1965, Roman Young, chair of the education department at Mount St. Mary's College, established the Cuban Teacher Training Institute in cooperation with the California Department of Education to retrain refugees to be Spanish teachers.

I was accepted into the first class, the "*Treinta-Treinta,*" or "30-30" we called it, because 30 of us were from Miami and 30 from Los Angeles. We entered the 10-week program to earn a provisional credential without the promise of employment, but with the hope of embarking on a new career. During those long days, we could speak only English. I still remember the first time I understood the whole lesson in English, as well as the day I dared to answer a question by speaking out loud.

I entered the program to become qualified to teach again, but what I found was a new community. Members of our group — physically separated from everything and everyone we knew in Cuba — became like family.

I remember one man in particular, Andres Suarez. He was quiet, but spoke excellent English, so he was asked to help us. One day he came to me and said, "Don't you know English?" I answered yes, I learned it in school, but had forgotten it. And he said, "Who was your professor?" I said, "Not a professor, a *professora*, a lady I loved very much named America Candela." Tears were running down his face as Andres said, "You are in front of the son of America Candela." The following day, Andres and his family came to my home to meet my husband and daughters. That was the beginning of a marvelous friendship.

Even after the program was complete, our new community continued those friendships and stays in touch to this day. Better yet, I got a job and spent 21 years in the Los Angeles Unified School District working at both Carver and Berendo middle schools. I am grateful to the Mount for giving me the opportunity to do what I love in my new country. ⚜

Dulce Martinez was in the first class of the Mount's Cuban Teacher Training Institute in 1965 and earned her teaching credential from Mount St. Mary's College.

calendar

JOIN US...

on May 8, for the Class of 1960's Golden Grad Celebration at the Chalon Campus. The day begins with a welcome reception and luncheon, and culminates with participation in Baccalaureate Mass at Mary Chapel. For more information, please contact Jeanne (Redell) Ruiz '63, director of alumnae relations, at 213.477.2769 or jruiz@msmc.la.edu.

on Oct. 9, for our Mount Alum Day. The event will celebrate reunions for the classes of '65, '70, '75, '80, '85, '90, '95, '00 and '05. For more information, please contact Jeanne (Redell) Ruiz '63, director of alumnae relations, at 213.477.2769 or jruiz@msmc.la.edu. All are welcome.

The following calendar represents only some of the events at Mount St. Mary's College. For more up-to-date listings, visit www.msmc.la.edu and click on "Calendars." For alumnae events, visit www.msmcalums.la.edu.

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Mary Chapel, Chalon Campus

april

15 Summer Semester Application Deadline for Master's Programs, Graduate Admissions, 213.477.2800
16 Summer Semester Application Deadline for Weekend College, 213.477.2866
24 Trio Jean Paul, Doheny Mansion, The Da Camera Society, 213.477.2929, www.dacamera.org
24 Senior Art Exhibit Opening, José Drudis-Biada Art Gallery, Chalon Campus, 310.954.4360
30 Spring Choral Concert, William H. Hannon Theater, Chalon Campus, 310.954.4265

may

8 Golden Grad Celebration: Class of 1960, Chalon Campus, Alumnae Relations, 213.477.2769
10 Commencement 2010, Gibson Amphitheatre, Universal CityWalk
15 Aviv String Quartet, Doheny Mansion, The Da Camera Society, 213.477.2929, www.dacamera.org
17–28 Andean Adventure to Peru and Bolivia, Weekend College, 213.477.2866
19–28 Music and the Arts in Italy Trip, Weekend College, 213.477.2866

june

13 The Doheny Mansion Docents' Benefit Brunch, Institutional Advancement, 213.477.2761

1960s

The View

ST. JOSEPH'S HALL DEDICATED BY ARCHBISHOP

Red Cross To Serve Luncheon

More Space For Study

1945

1990s

1940s

1945 – 1992

In the era before the Internet, Mount students kept up with campus happenings via The View, an award-winning 8-page monthly newspaper published almost continuously from 1945 to 1992. The View was staffed by about 30 faculty and student volunteers. While the publication took its name from the Chalon Campus' commanding location, The View also reflected students' wider interests, covering both College issues and those of the larger world. It was honored regularly by the Associated Collegiate Press and Catholic Press Association.

The paper was published off and on in the 1990s, changing its name in 1993 to The New View and in 1995 to The Oracle, in recognition of Doheny student body contributions. Today, the Mount community has access to multiple information channels, including Web sites, e-mails, and announcements in two weekly newsletters, Chalon Student News and Doheny Happenings. The Oracle still appears occasionally in its latest form, a collection of student essays and reflections on the news. ⚜

— Victoria McCargar, College archivist

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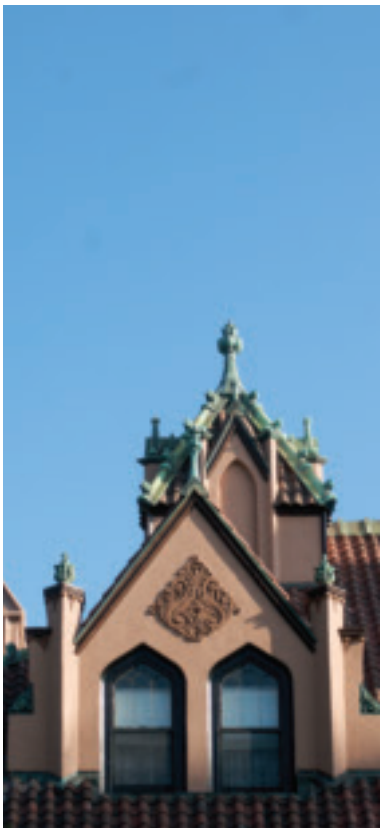

Rooftops of the Doheny Campus